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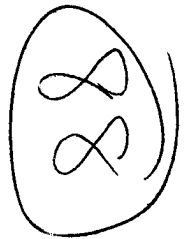
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PORTABLE FRONTLINE COMMAND POST SHELTERS CHINA (S)

1. (S/WN) The correlation of information from imagery and open sources has led to the identification of new portable frontline command post shelters in China. The framework for these shelters has been seen in at least three military installations (Figure 1 and Table 1). One of these installations houses an artillery regiment, one an infantry division headquarters, and the third a surface-to-surface missile (SSM) division headquarters, indicating that the shelter has many uses and may already be widely deployed. The SSM division headquarters is in the Kunming Military Region (MR), and the other two facilities are in the Lanzhou MR.

2. (S/WN) The shelters—which are easily disassembled and transported by road, rail, or air—consist of U-shaped supports connected with straight members at the base, sides, and top center. The length of the shelter is apparently variable, depending on need. Assembled sections observed on imagery range from [] in length, [] in width, and [] in height. Sections of various sizes have been observed joined together and often have a tall possible ventilation shaft/stack appended. In addition to their apparent portability and versatility, these shelters form a linear configuration suitable for emplacement in trenches and may enable rapid construction of concealed, possibly semihardened, command post bunkers.

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3. (U) According to open-source publications,^{1,2} the shelter (insets and Figures 2 and 3) has a canvas-covered arched steel framework. It is available in three sizes and is capable of housing a maximum of 10 to 12 personnel.

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SECRET**TABLE 1.****Locations of Command Post Shelters in China***This table in its entirety is classified SECRET/WNINTEL*

Name/BE No	Coordinates	Unit
Huazhaizi Army Bks AL-1 [REDACTED]	385029N 1002301E	Arty Regt
Zhongning Army Bks AL-1 [REDACTED]	372748N 1054114E	Inf Div Hq
Jianshui SSM Division Hq [REDACTED]	234034N 1024517E	SSM Div Hq

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**FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF INSTALLATIONS WHERE SHELTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED**

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